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## King County Board for Developmental Disabilities MINUTES

**Day/Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2006  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Region 4, Large Conference Room  
1700 East Cherry Street  
Seattle, WA 98122

### **Board:**

Steven Thompson  
John Nesbitt  
Tom Bellamy  
Don Luby  
Kevin Bernadt  
Kevin Henderson  
Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox  
Leo Finnegan  
Ted Daniels

### **Excused:**

Heather Avery  
Bobbi Christensen-Meins

### **Staff:**

Ray Jensen, KCDDD  
Jane Campbell, KCDDD  
Holly Woo, KCDDD  
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD  
Beth Boram, KCHCD  
Jan Blackburn, DSHS/DDD/Region 4  
Marybeth Poch, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

### **Guests\*:**

Joanne O'Neill, The Arc of King County, KCPC  
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN  
Bill Sellars, The Arc of King County  
Jeff Custer, Community Trades and Careers  
Bonnie Lowes, UW ETP  
Erin Treiber, Enso  
Wendy Randall, AtWork!  
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC Industries  
Bonnie Shultz, Momentum  
James McBay, DVR  
Jeff Welch, The Arc of King County  
Richard Wilson, The Arc of King County  
Gina Solberg, PROVAIL  
Lisa Turner, LTA, Inc.  
Keri Parker, TLC

\*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

### **Introductions and Chair's Comments**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the Chair, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox, on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**02010601** Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox called for a motion to approve the January 2006 Minutes. Leo Finnegan motioned, John Nesbitt seconded and the January Minutes were approved as written.

## **Strategic Plan 2007-2011 Aging & Disability Services Administration (ADSA)**

Ray Jensen distributed a draft copy of the strategic plan for discussion. The document doesn't address the issue of providing more independence for individuals with developmental disabilities. Please forward your comments to Michaelle Monday by email at [Michaelle.Monday@metrokc.gov](mailto:Michaelle.Monday@metrokc.gov) by Friday, February 3 and Ray will submit recommendations to ADSA.

## **General Public Input**

Joanne O'Neill presented on the following topics:

- ❖ Closely watching the vote in the US Congress regarding the future of Medicaid funding under the Bush Administration; significant cuts have been suggested.

## **Advocacy Days 2006 (January 11 - March 8)**

Join parents, family members, professionals, self-advocates and other members of the community in Olympia each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. during the state legislative session. The day starts with an hour and a half briefing on current issues and ends with an afternoon of advocacy. For more information about Advocacy Days, visit the web site of The Arc of Washington State at <http://www.arcwa.org/advocacyday.htm>.

## **Bills of Interest**

- ✚ SB6865 – A study of the service needs of people with DD
- ✚ HB1107 – Providing for early intervention services for children with disabilities
- ✚ HB3155 - Creating an office of the Ombudsman for persons with DD
- ✚ HB2418 - Increasing the availability of affordable housing
- ✚ HB2475 – Collective Bargaining
- ✚ HB2501 - Mental Health Parity
- ✚ Caseload Forecasting Bills
- ✚ Community Protection Bill
- ✚ Two Bills on crimes committed to vulnerable people while on transportation services

The Governor's budget was bleak for new DD funding. Advocates are working hard through the legislators to get more funding for people without services. Margaret-Lee encourages others to go to the Arc of Washington's website and look at their Good Issue Sheets and lists of Bills at [www.arcwa.org](http://www.arcwa.org).



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Bill Sellars added a Bill to the list regarding a pilot for a universal K-12 system. This Bill will extend the educational system to age 23, which includes individuals with developmental disabilities.

Leo Finnegan encourages others to contact their legislators regarding the importance of HB2802, which provides paratransit bus services for individuals with disabilities.

Kathy Sellars announced the Seven Steps Workshop Overview scheduled for February 8 through March 29. The workshops will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at 16534 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Lake Forest Park. Each session will walk attendees through planning based on *A Good Life*. The cost for all seven sessions is \$60, which includes the *Good Life* book and a LifeSPAN Associate Membership. To register, please call LifeSPAN at 425-883-9867 or email [life.span@verizon.net](mailto:life.span@verizon.net).

Rich Wilson, The Arc of King County, announced that they have moved to 233 Sixth Avenue North, Seattle. Their open house will be announced soon.

## Reports

### King County Interagency Coordinating Council (KCICC)

Kevin Bernadt announced that KCICC members will meet quarterly on the second Monday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at WorkSource Renton, Conference Room “Q” located at 919 SW Grady Way, Suite 125 in 2006. Those dates are: April 10, July 10 and September 11.

Kevin distributed a flyer announcing the King County EHS/HS Disabilities Cluster Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the United Indians of All Tribes Discovery Park Visitors Center located at 3801 W. Government Way, Seattle. For more information, please contact Dawn Williams, T/TA Disabilities Content Specialist, at [dwilliams2@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:dwilliams2@acf.hhs.gov) or by telephone at 206-615-3776.

### Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Marybeth Poch reported on the following:

- Residential Care Services has begun reviewing complaints regarding alleged infractions against residents living in supported living and group homes.
- DCHS/DDD is preparing a report for submission to legislators by November to define Family Support practices.
- Waiver Update—The cost within each Waiver is going up, particularly in the CORE Waiver. There have been some people added to the Waivers. In Region 4 there have been 120 people added to the Basic Waiver, 41 to Basic+, 134 to Core and 18 to the Community Protection Waiver.
- Marybeth and Jan Blackburn attended a Statewide Advisory Board meeting where Kathy Leitch presented on some of the major issues outlined in the Strategic Plan



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2007-2011. Kathy welcomes suggestions or comments by email at [Leitckj@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Leitckj@dshs.wa.gov).

### **King County Division Director's Report**

Ray Jensen proposed a few meeting dates to the Chair, Tom Bellamy, for the first Working Age Adult Policy Oversight Committee meeting.

Ray requested that the Finance Committee schedule a date to review year-end financial data.

Rose Finnegan and Ann Dennis are representatives for the Seattle Area Aging, the advisory committee for disabilities issues. They are addressing issues of the aging parent of an adult child with developmental disabilities.

### **Next Meetings:**

The Working Age Adult Policy Oversight Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on February 15 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Region 4, Large Conference Room.

The next Employment Provider Meeting is scheduled for February 21 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

The next Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 22 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Exchange Building located at 821 Second Avenue in the 6A Conference Room.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



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